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July 7, 2022

Mr. Rian S. Riche
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Dear Mr. Riche:

By letter dated June 6, 2022, Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell) requests approval of a Suspension of Operations (SOO) for the Mississippi Canyon (MC) Block 978 Unit, Agreement No. 754322002. The unit consists of portions of Leases OCS-G 35645, 36407, 36448, and 36667.

Drilling operations were expected to commence on or before June 30, 2022, on Lease OCS-G 36407, Well No. 1. The contracted rig has been delayed at its previous drilling location due to drilling/operational delays. Unit drilling operations are now expected to commence prior to the end of July 2022, after current operations are completed and rig mobilization to MC Block 978.

In accordance with Articles IX, XVI, and XVII of the Unit Agreement and 30 CFR 250.175(a), an SOO for the MC Block 978 Unit is hereby approved from July 1 through July 31, 2022. This unit suspension excludes Leases OCS-G 36407, 36448, and 36667, since the primary terms extend beyond the expiration of this SOO. Shell must notify this office in writing upon the commencement of unit drilling operations on Lease OCS-G 36407, Well No. 1. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Imran Vahora at (504) 736-2664 or imran.vahora@bsee.gov.

Sincerely,

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